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BY-LAW X.

Nomination and Election of Officers.

A committee of five members shall be appointed by the Commander and announced at a stated meeting in March next preceding the annual stated meeting in May for the election of officers, who shall, upon the call of the Chairman thereof, meet and prepare a ticket containing the names of one or more candidates for the respective offices of the Commandery to be elected for the ensuing year.

It shall be the duty of the Recorder to print and send out to each member of the Commandery with the circular notice of the May meeting, a list of names as prepared by the Nominating Committee for the several offices of the Commandery to be voted for at the May annual meeting.

All elections for officers of the Commandery shall be by ballot and only the Companions present at the annual meeting shall be entitled to vote.

Nominations may be made for any office on the night of the annual meeting, and shall remain open until closed by the election.

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COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN FORCE JANUARY 1, 1909.

BY-LAW I.

MEETINGS.

The stated meetings of this Commandery shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, excepting the months of July, August and September, at such place and hour as may be designated by the Board of Officers, unless otherwise ordered.

BY-LAW II.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership in this Commandery shall be forwarded to the Recorder at least fifteen days before the stated meeting to which the application is to be presented, and shall not be acted on by the Commandery until the second stated meeting thereafter. The Recorder shall publish the names of the applicants, with their rank, command, present business and address, in the two succeeding circulars.

The application shall be accompanied by the admission fee and dues for the current year, which shall be refunded in case of non-election.

BY-LAW III.

SIGNING OF APPLICATIONS.

Applications for membership in this Commandery should not be signed by members having no personal acquaintance with the candidates.

The signer of an application for membership should attend the meeting at which his candidate is to be balloted for, and answer any question that may be put to him by members.

BY-LAW IV.

COMPANIONS OF THE THIRD CLASS.

Applications for membership in the Third Class shall be presented to and acted upon by the Board of Officers, and if approved, shall then be referred to the Commandery for its action.

BY-LAW V.

CLASSIFICATION OF COMPANIONS.

Companions residing, stationed, or doing business within the limits of Cook County, State of Illinois, shall be classified and assessed as Resident Companions. All other Companions shall be classified and assessed as Non-Resident Companions.

BY-LAW VI.

NEWLY ELECTED COMPANIONS.

No candidate, or newly elected Companion, shall be admitted to the rooms of the Commandery, or be installed, until the next meeting after his election.

BY-LAW VII.

DUES.

The admission fee of this Commandery shall be Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00).

The annual dues of Resident Companions shall be Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) and the annual dues of Non-Resident Companions shall be Five Dollars ($5.00), payable annually in January in advance.

The dues of Resident Companions elected at or after the January meeting shall be for the remainder of the year in which they are elected, at the rate of One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents ($1.25) per month, not including the month in which they are elected.

The dues of Non-Resident Companions elected at or after the March meeting shall be for the remainder of the year in which they are elected, at the rate of Fifty Cents (50c) per month, not including the month in which they are elected.

BY-LAW VIII.

ARREARS OF DUES.

The annual dues of the Order are payable in advance, and on the first day of January in each year. If a Companion's dues shall not be paid on or before the stated meeting of the Commandery in the month of May, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to post the Companion's name, with the amount of his dues, in the Assembly Room of the Commandery.

BY-LAW IX.

FUNDS.

The sums of money paid for the commutation of annual assessments shall be known as the Commutation Fund.

The sums of money deposited to the credit of the Commandery in various savings banks or elsewhere, or invested in securities, shall be known as the Permanent Fund.

The Treasurer shall invest the moneys in his hands belonging to the Permanent Fund in such manner as the Board of Officers shall direct.

No moneys shall be withdrawn from the Permanent Fund, for any purpose whatever, unless sanctioned by a three-fourths vote of all members of the Commandery present at a stated meeting.

BY-LAW X.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

A committee of five members shall be appointed by the Commander and announced at a stated meeting of the Commandery in February next preceding the annual stated meeting in May for the election of officers, whose duty it shall be, upon the call of the Chairman thereof, to convene and prepare a ticket containing the names of candidates for the respective offices of the Commandery to be elected for the ensuing year. Said ticket to be prepared in conformity to the following rules and instructions, viz:

It shall be the duty of the Recorder to prepare and send out to each member of the Commandery, together with the circular notice of the stated meeting in March, a blank ticket on which shall be printed the names of the several offices of the Commandery, and a request to the Companions to fill in the blank with the names of such Companions as they desire to have nominated for the respective offices, and enclose the same, in a sealed envelope, endorsed with Companion's name, to the Chairman of the Committee on the Nomination of Officers, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March following: Provided, that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall withhold his preference until the Committee is called together to complete the ticket, when he may cast the deciding vote in case of a tie vote only.

As soon as practicable after the tenth day of April, the Committee on Nominations shall convene and tabulate the tickets received from the Companions, and, having ascertained the preference of all, shall prepare a ticket containing the names of two Companions who have received the highest number of preferences for each of the respective offices; and in every instance the name of the Companion receiving the highest number of preferences shall be placed first upon the ticket. Such ticket thus prepared shall be reported to the Recorder on or before the twentieth day of April, who shall print and distribute the same with the circular notice of the next stated meeting. The report aforesaid of such ticket to the Recorder shall be taken and accepted as the report of said Committee and the Committee shall be thereby discharged.

BY-LAW XI.

COMMITTEE ON EXERCISES.

There shall be a standing Committee on Exercises, of five members, appointed by the Commander at the stated meeting in February, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Exercises to provide for the literary entertainments of the Commandery, and to attend to such other duties as may be assigned to it.

BY-LAW XII.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Commander shall annually, as soon after the stated meeting in June as practicable, appoint five members as a committee to be known as the Library Committee, who shall have charge of the library and relics. They shall solicit additions to the same and prepare and maintain a proper catalogue, and make such suggestions to the Board of Officers, from time to time, as in their judgment shall seem best.

BY-LAW XIII.

COMMITTEES.

All committees and officers not otherwise provided for shall be appointed by the Commander. The first-named member of a committee shall act as the chairman thereof.

BY-LAW XIV.

BOARD OF OFFICERS.

Five members of the Board of Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

BY-LAW XV.

SONS OF COMPANIONS.

The Companions of this Commandery shall have the privilege of of bringing to the stated meeting of the Commandery in the month of June in each year, such of their sons *under the age of twenty-one years*, as would, upon attaining their majority, *be eligible* to membership.

BY-LAW XVI.

RULES OF ORDER.

"Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the guide of this Commandery in all its deliberations.

BY-LAW XVII.

BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws shall not be repealed or amended, nor shall any new by-law be made, unless notice of the repeal or amendment thereof, or of the new by-law proposed, shall have been given at the stated meeting previous to that at at which it is moved, nor unless adopted by two-thirds of the members voting.

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